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SUBJECT: 1978 DAMSCUS FAIR

1. RTDO/ATHENS WAS ADVISED MARCH 29, 1978 BY R.L. RIDDELL, REGIONAL MANAGER, DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON INTL. THAT FIRM PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT EXHIBITION AND WOULD PREFER TO PAY FEE AND COMPLETE DOCUMENTS IN DAMASCUS. CONTACT IN DAMASCUS IS FAHED KHOURY OF LEVANT DIESEL. AN EXECUTIVE OF THE ATHENS OFFICE OF DETROIT DIESEL IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT DAMASCUS THE WEEK OF APRIL 10 WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN INDOOR BOOTH (IMPROVED) WILL BE FINALIZED DURING VISIT TO EMBASSY. QUANTITY OF SPACE REQUIRED HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

2. GE IS STILL CONSIDERING ACCORDING TO LLOYD CATHEY OF COMPANY'S ATHENS

OFFICE. GATHEY REPORTS THAT GE REPRESENTATIVE WILL VISIT DAMASCUS THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING.

3. ON MARCH 27 A.E. HOTARD, MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL SALES, SOULE STREET

COMPANY (PRE-FABRICATED STEEL BUILDINGS), 1970 ARMY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 84124 TELEPHONE (415) 824-4141 TELEX 470300 SOUL UI, EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN SUBJECT EXHIBITION AND WAS GIVEN KIT. HOTARD IS ON EXTENDED TRIP AND NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CALIFORNIA FOR FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. USDOC MAY THERE-UNCLASSIFIED

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FORE WISH TO CONTACT CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS SOONEST.

- $4.\ FMC$ IS STILL CONSIDERING AND HAS AGREED TO HAVE DAMASCUS AGENT CONTACT EMBASSY.
- 5. FOLLOWING FIRMS HAVE DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT EXHIBITION:
- A. AMERICAN EXPORT LINES
- B. AMPEX WORLD OPERATIONS S.A.

C. CARRIER INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

D. H.K. TROELLER

E. THE L.E. MEYERS CO.

F. SMITH AND WESSON

G. UNITED TECHNOLOGIES INC.

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